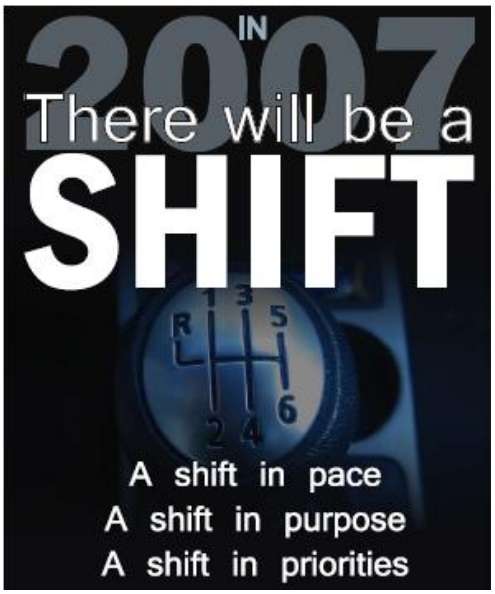
Sunday December 31, 2006

The word of the Lord for 2007:

THERE WILL BE A SHIFT



We learn from the first few chapters of Revelation that the Lord has a specific message for every local church. What the Lord speaks has relevance to every member of that local church.

God speaks to us in advance (John 16:13) so that we can be prepared for what is coming.

This is what I believe the Lord would say to each of us in this local body. If you are part of APC, Bangalore or connected to it is some way – then this is what God would speak to us: In 2007 – There will be a shift.

Prepare for a shift (change, alteration).

This word applies to us as a local body and as individuals.

IN 2007 – THERE WILL BE A SHIFT

Shift = change or alteration

There are 3 specific areas where we will experience a shift in 2007:

1. A shift in pace
2. A shift in purpose
3. A shift in priorities

IN 2007 – THERE WILL BE A SHIFT

1. A shift in pace

Most of us will see an acceleration in the pace of things.
Things will begin to happen at a much quicker pace in many spheres of our lives.
Get ready to accelerate.

Answers to prayer are usually accompanied with a shift in pace. 1 Kings 18:41-46
Rapid growth and increased responsibility usually result in a shift in pace.

For a few of us, this year may bring a deceleration – a quieting down of things.

2. A shift in purpose

In 2007 there will be a change in your focus, a slight alteration in what you are pursuing as your primary assignment. A change in primary purpose in this season.

This is not a change in life's purpose, but in what you are pursuing as your primary assignment in this season of life.

Examples

- Some one here today may have been considering all along: "My primary focus was to make money, become a success professionally". But God is bringing a shift. You will find yourself saying, "I want to focus on pursuing something that will make a difference for the Kingdom of God. Focus on something that will be of lasting value. Something more than just making money and becoming a professional success".
- In business there may be a shift in the way things are being done or what you are pursuing as your primary focus
- Others : Homemakers – will see their purpose beyond just taking care of their home, Students – a shift in your understanding of what you should do; Ministry – a shift in your primary focus in ministry

3. A shift in priorities

In 2007 there will be a change in what is really important, a re-ordering of priorities.
Things that were lower in order, will come up in order.

The change in pace and a change in focus will cause a change in priorities.

Application for us as individuals:

When there is a shift in pace:

Acceleration

- Be alert. Higher speeds require greater alertness. Accidents can be fatal at higher speeds.
- Adjust to the speed at which things happen. Don't grumble about the shift. Allow yourself to be stretched. Jeremiah 12:5
- Maintain endurance - Whether you shift from walking to running, or running to soaring, the key is to maintain endurance. Isaiah 40:31 The way to do this is through consistently waiting on the Lord to have your strength renewed.

Deceleration

- Avoid becoming restless (Isaiah 30:15)

When there is a shift in purpose (focus, primary assignment) and a shift in priorities, this:

- Will impact lifestyle
- Will impact allocation of resources – time, money, energy
- Will impact relationships

Avoid being double-minded (James 1:7). Go along with the shift that God is introducing.

Application for us as a church:

As a local church/Body in 2007 there will be:

A shift in pace:

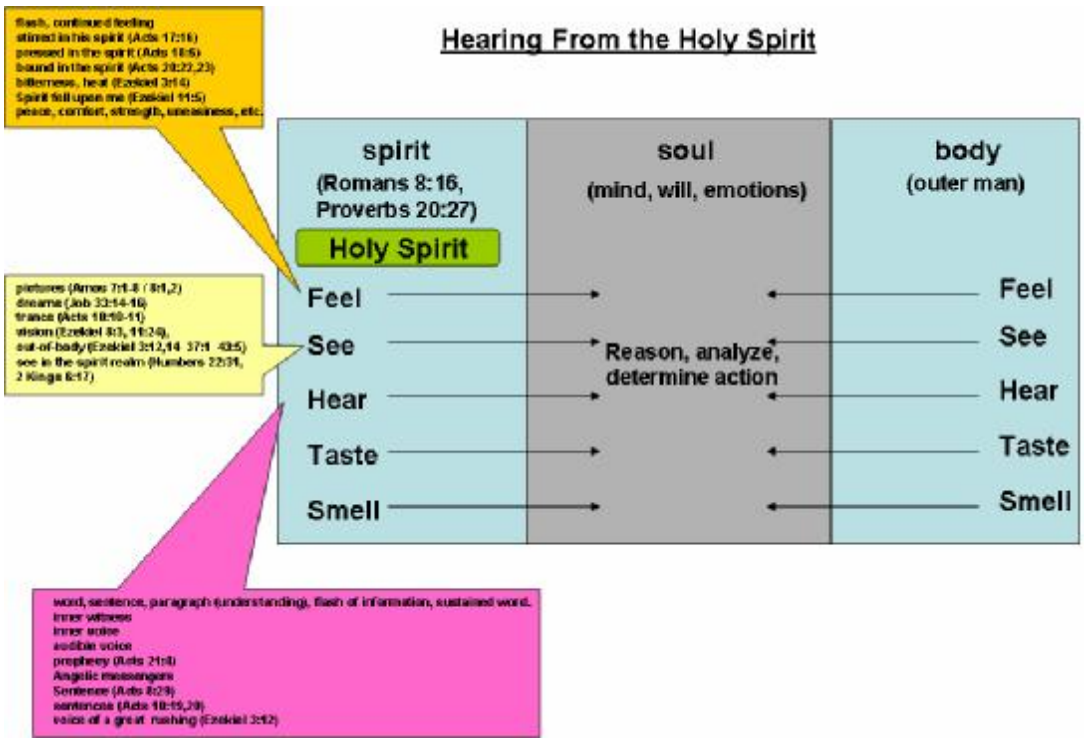
- Acceleration in growth

- When there is accelerated growth – there is a tendency for people to (a)feel neglected (b)feel left behind/left out. The key is to "get in" rather than being on the fringe/extremity where you risk feeling neglected or left out.

A shift in purpose (focus, primary assignment) and a shift in priorities:

- Change in focus
    - Evangelism – change from inward focus to outward focus John 4:35
    - Change from our church focus to Kingdom focus
    - A change from our city focus to our nation focus
- Change in priority
    - Strategic prayer – individually and corporately
    - Emphasis on the supernatural
- Change in focus or priority usually makes people feel uncomfortable/uneasy and in some cases resistant. The key is to learn to go with the flow. Let God navigate.

Hearing From God



FEEL
flash, continued feeling
stirred in his spirit (Acts 17:16)
pressed in the spirit (Acts 18:5)
bound in the spirit (Acts 20:22,23)
bitterness, heat (Ezekiel 3:14)
Spirit fell upon me (Ezekiel 11:5)

peace, comfort, strength, uneasiness, etc.

SEE
pictures (Amos 7:1-8 / 8:1,2)
dreams (Job 33:14-16)
trance (Acts 10:10-11)
vision (Ezekiel 8:3, 11:24),
out-of-body (Ezekiel 3:12,14 37:1 43:5)
eyes opened to see in the spirit realm (Numbers 22:31, 2 Kings 6:17)
from spirit to mind

HEAR
word, sentence, paragraph (understanding), flash of information, sustained word.
inner witness
inner voice
audible voice
prophecy (Acts 21:4)
Angelic messengers
Sentence (Acts 8:29)
sentences (Acts 10:19,20)
voice of a great rushing (Ezekiel 3:12)

SMELL

TASTE

The Spirit and the Word agree (1 John 5:7)

We must learn to receive from the Holy Spirit through our spirit.

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